

fully, for many, many years. This is the wise and politic course, and we have no doubt whatever that Catholic voters in all New Zealand will join their fellows in Otago in pursuing zealously the policy recommended so strongly and perseveringly by Bishop MORAN, and which has concentrated towards him the respect of even his opponents. A general election may be nearer at hand than many suppose, and Catholics ought in time to make up their minds how they shall act and for whom they shall vote when the time comes to exercise their franchise. But let this action be unanimous. Let Catholic voters move as one man, and we may rest assured that victory will attend on intrepidity and union.

THE Most Rev Dr Grimes leaves Dunedin this (Wednesday) forenoon by the Northern express *en route* for Christchurch.

THE Rev Father O'Reilly has been unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Thames Hospital Trustees. In support of the motion high testimony was borne by several members of the Board to the manner in which the rev. gentleman had in the past fulfilled the duties of the office.

THE Redemptorists Fathers closed a successful mission at Clinton on Tuesday, and will open a mission at Gore to-day (Wednesday). The Very Rev Father Vaughan, who arrived in Dunedin from Wellington last week preached in St Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening. On Tuesday evening, the Very Rev Father Plunkett delivered an address at their weekly meeting to the Confraternity of the Holy Family. This (Wednesday) evening Father Vaughan will address the confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

It is worthy of note, as marking the progress of Catholic education, that the Dominican Nuns at Dunedin are about to open technical classes in connection with their schools. The services of Mrs Dreaver, we understand, have been secured for instructions in scientific dress-making. The classes will, no doubt, be numerous attended, and we look forward with confidence to the best possible results.

A *réunion* of the Dominican Convent Ex-Pupils Club took place in St Joseph's school-room on Monday evening. The entertainment was intended to do special honour to the presence in Dunedin of the Most Rev Dr Grimes, who was the principal guest on the occasion. There were also present the Most Rev Dr Moran, the Very Rev Fathers Vaughan and Plunkett, C.S.S.R., the Very Rev Fathers Mackay and O'Leary, and the Rev Fathers Lynch, Adm.; Donnelly, Newport, Hunt, and Murphy, together with some members of the laity. The extreme inclemency of the weather, however, interfered seriously with the attendance. The various performances of the young ladies were, as usual, of a high class, and exceedingly enjoyable.

A CASE has just been brought under our notice which seems to illustrate in a remarkable manner the wonders worked by virtue of faith in the power of the Blessed Virgin. It is that of a young girl whose death has recently occurred under most remarkable circumstances. She was apparently in excellent health, and was preparing to visit some friends, when suddenly something seemed to break in her chest, and at the same time she felt as if struck by a blow on the back of the head. She became unconscious, and one of her sisters, who was standing by, threw the scapular of Mount Carmel around her neck and invoked our Blessed Lady. She regained consciousness, and lived for some days, making full preparation for the happy death for which, being a young girl of great piety, she had always prayed. The strange circumstances are that it has puzzled the doctors to explain how she was restored to consciousness. Their assertion is that the attack was what is technically known as a "dart," or the formation of a clot of blood in the heart, which is then shot up into the brain, occasioning instant unconsciousness, convulsions, and death. At the end of thirteen days this actually occurred in the case we speak of, but a long interval had been vouchsafed for preparation to meet the end. Is not the power of our Blessed Lady evident here? No Catholic at least can doubt it.

THE rain and wind, which began on Saturday evening, and continued, throughout Sunday and the greater part of Monday, with more or less severity, have done a great deal of mischief in Otago and Southland. The harvest has been extensively injured, and in several instances the crops have been completely swept away.—Traffic on the roads and railway lines was interrupted; a vessel named the *Star of Erin*, which had taken in cargo at the Bluff, was wrecked at Waipapapa Reef, and two men, named respectively Swanson and Holdrig, were drowned at the Taieri. It was many years since so heavy and mischievous a storm had occurred here. Among the travellers who were put to inconvenience, we may add, were the Governor, who returned to Dunedin, Lady Onslow who took refuge

with her children, at the Hon George McLean's farm at Warrington, and the Countess of Jersey, who was a passenger to this city from Invercargill, but was obliged to remain at Milton.

THE following changes have been made by election in the Dunedin Irish Rifles:—Mr John Toomey, Captain; Sergeant Simmonds, second lieutenant; Corporals J. Ford and J. M. Tamney, sergeants; and Privates Day and Golden, corporals.

THE farewell banquet given to Lord Onslow on Saturday evening in Dunedin was a marked success, and gave, in more senses than one, conclusive proof of the popularity gained among us by his Excellency. His Excellency's speech was, of course, the feature of the evening. It was that of a man taking just and moderate views, and who was not afraid when the occasion offered to give full expression to his opinions. In the mouth of Lord Onslow the reputation of the Tory peer will lose nothing. His Excellency expressed views regarding the ties that unite the colonies to the Old Country similar to those which we ourselves have from time to time advanced, giving a due place to sentiment; but allotting to the necessity of defence the chief importance. His views as to the desires and designs of foreign powers are such as must open to us a long prospect of protective and precautionary measures. In alluding to the Tory party in England Lord Onslow took credit for them principally with regard to their foreign policy, and, to do Lord Salisbury justice, we must admit that, in this respect, he seems to have been so far fairly successful. It is to be regretted that he has resolutely and blindly opposed at home the policy needed to confirm and strengthen any steps taken by him abroad for the welfare of the Empire. Lord Onslow does not conceal the fact that the future of the Tories is uncertain. He even goes so far as to express his belief that the party may be actually in a state of transition. Let us hope their change may be, as is sorely needed by them, one for the better; That there are politicians in the party of Lord Onslow's *calibre* gives us room to believe it may be so. His Excellency and Lady Onslow left Dunedin by the Northern express on Monday morning—but their journey was broken by the interruption of traffic caused by the floods. We fully share in the general regret at his Excellency's impending departure from the colony, and we join in wishing him and Lady Onslow a safe and prosperous voyage.

ACCORDING to the official statistics for 1881 (says the *Sydney Freeman's Journal*) the total Catholic population of New South Wales was 207,606. The latest returns for 1890 give the number as 312,000. In 1881 the total Catholic population of the colonies was 543,803. For 1890 the figure is 606,969, not including returns from Sandhurst, Rockhampton, and Cookstown. The estimated total Catholic population of Australasia and the islands is 680,000.

THE late victory at Rossendale seems to have been emphasised by the influential local position of the defeated candidate. The *National Press* gives us the following:—Sir Thomas Brooke, Bart, of Crawshaw Hall, president of the Rossendale Unionist Association, has consented to contest the Rossendale Division in the Unionist interest, in succession to Lord Hartington, who becomes Duke of Devonshire. The Liberal candidate is Mr John Henry Maden, of Bacup, son of the late Mr Henry Maden.

HERE is another note of Catholicity for Dr Nevill:—"The Protestant Archbishop of Armagh and the Protestant Bishop of Derry and Down," says the *Liverpool Catholic Times*, "are trying to dissuade the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin from his resolution to go on ordaining ministers for his new 'Reformed Church of Spain.' He has already defied the great body of the protesting ministers of the Mother Church of England, and, as might be expected, he politely brushes aside his Irish episcopal brethren by hinting that they only represent a minority in the Irish Protestant Church. He declines a 'friendly conference' with the English Bishops. In the opinion of the Archbishop of Armagh this course is calculated to 'break the unity of the Church of Ireland' and strain 'those loving bonds which bind us to the Church of England.' So loving indeed are they that over two thousand clergymen in England have been signing the petitions against his Grace of Dublin. Here we have the 'Primate of Ireland' and the Archbishop of Canterbury on the one side, and the Archbishop of Dublin and probably the Ballykilbeg and Boyne Water contingents on the other. The former worthies are trying in vain to reform the latter, but the latter crying 'hands off' are intent on their little game of reforming the Catholics of Spain. Oh! shade of Don Quixote bring forth thy good goose quill and write us up the incidents of this conflict."

A CABLEGRAM, under date London, February 8, to the effect that Canadian Catholics have been forbidden to send their children to schools where Protestant children attend seems to be a *canard* designedly published for the purpose of injuring Catholic schools, and prejudicing the minds of Protestants against them. There is, of course, no truth in the report. It may, perhaps, have been found